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WSP Participates in National Truck Inspection Competition

The Washington State Patrol (WSP) Commercial Vehicle Division was represented by Trooper Darren Wright at the 11th annual North American Inspectors National Challenge Championship in Columbus, Ohio. The competition took place the week of August 18th, and inspectors from 48 states from across North America participated in the event.

Each inspector performed a level one inspection on commercial motor vehicles, hazardous material non-bulk packaging, hazardous material cargo tanks and motor coaches. They were judged on overall inspection procedures and driver interviews.

Trooper Darren Wright placed third in the hazardous material non-bulk packaging and cargo inspections. "This is the first year a representative from Washington State has received an award. Darren did a great job of representing the state of Washington and the men and women of the WSP Commercial Vehicle Division at this event," stated Commercial Vehicle Division Commander Captain Frederick R. Fakkema.

The North American Inspectors Championship is organized by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration. The event brings together inspectors who have won the state title to compete for the national honors. This year's top winner was Jeff Byers of the Colorado Highway Patrol Port of Entry.

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